

REMARKS

Claims 22 and 26 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 7, 21, 25, 27, 38, and 39 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 14-18, 21, 25, and 27-39 are pending.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-18, 21, 25, and 27-39 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-18, 21-22, and 25-39 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The claims have been amended in a manner believed to overcome the rejection. Support for the amendment to claims 1, 21, and 25 may be found, without limitation, in the above-captioned application at page 12, lines 5-10 and Figure 5. Support for the amendment to claims 7, 27, 38, and 39 may be found, without limitation, in the above-captioned application at page 8, lines 14-16 and lines 19-20. Claims 22 and 26 have been cancelled. It is therefore believed that claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-18, 21, 25, and 27-39 are allowable.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 22 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gardner et al. (6,707,856) in view of Dolle et al. (6,674,817). Claims 22 and 26 have been cancelled.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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